

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY HOUSE

528 Lockerbie Street, Indianapolis

James Whitcomb Riley, the “Hoosier poet,” lived here as a paying guest during the last 23 years of his life, from 1893 to 1916. Riley was noted as a writer and lecturer, and Mark Twain once called one of his performances “about the funniest thing I ever listened to.” The large brick Italianate house, built in 1872, was purchased the year of Riley's death by a group of friends and admirers and has been a museum since 1921.